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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Assistant Director for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-entitled application as follows:

In the Title

Please amend the title to: APPARATUS FOR TANTALUM PENTOXIDE MOISTURE BARRIER IN FILM RESISTORS.

In The Specification

Please add the following as the first paragraph of the Specification:
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))

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